

# **Parks Master Plan Update**

**General Parks Master Plan  
Workshop II  
Hesse Park  
February 25, 2015**

# Agenda

- Review of 1989 Parks Master Plan
- Review of Open Space Planning & Recreation & Parks Task Force
- Review of Coast Vision Plan
- Public Outreach Effort to Date
  - Online Survey
  - Site-Specific Workshops:
    - Eastview
    - Ladera Linda
    - Point Vicente Park/Civic Center
    - Gateway
    - Upper Hesse Park
- Review of Recent and Ongoing Parks Projects
  - Abalone Cove
  - Lower Hesse Park
  - Lower Point Vicente
  - Grandview
  - Palos Verdes Nature Preserve
- Additional Park Sites: Del Cerro, Vanderlip, Clovercliff ...
- Questions/Comments

# 1989 Parks Master Plan Update

Formed in 1988 to update Parks Master Plan

Made general recommendation and site-specific recommendations

Three Tiers of Recommendations:

- Within 2 Years

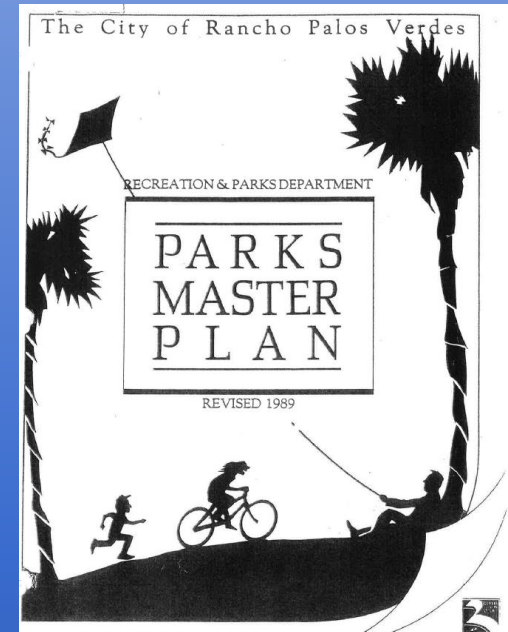
- Within Five Years

- Accomplished as Funding Becomes Available

Series of Policy, Goals and Recommendations

Significant public outreach effort including community survey

Has not been updated in 25 years



# 2004 Open Space Planning & Recreation and Parks Task Force

Established in 2002

Tasked with Updating the City's Parks Master Plan and to study recreation and open space issues affecting the City

Eight Sub-committees/significant public outreach effort including professional survey

Significant focus on Point Vicente Park/Civic Center site and locations for girls softball fields

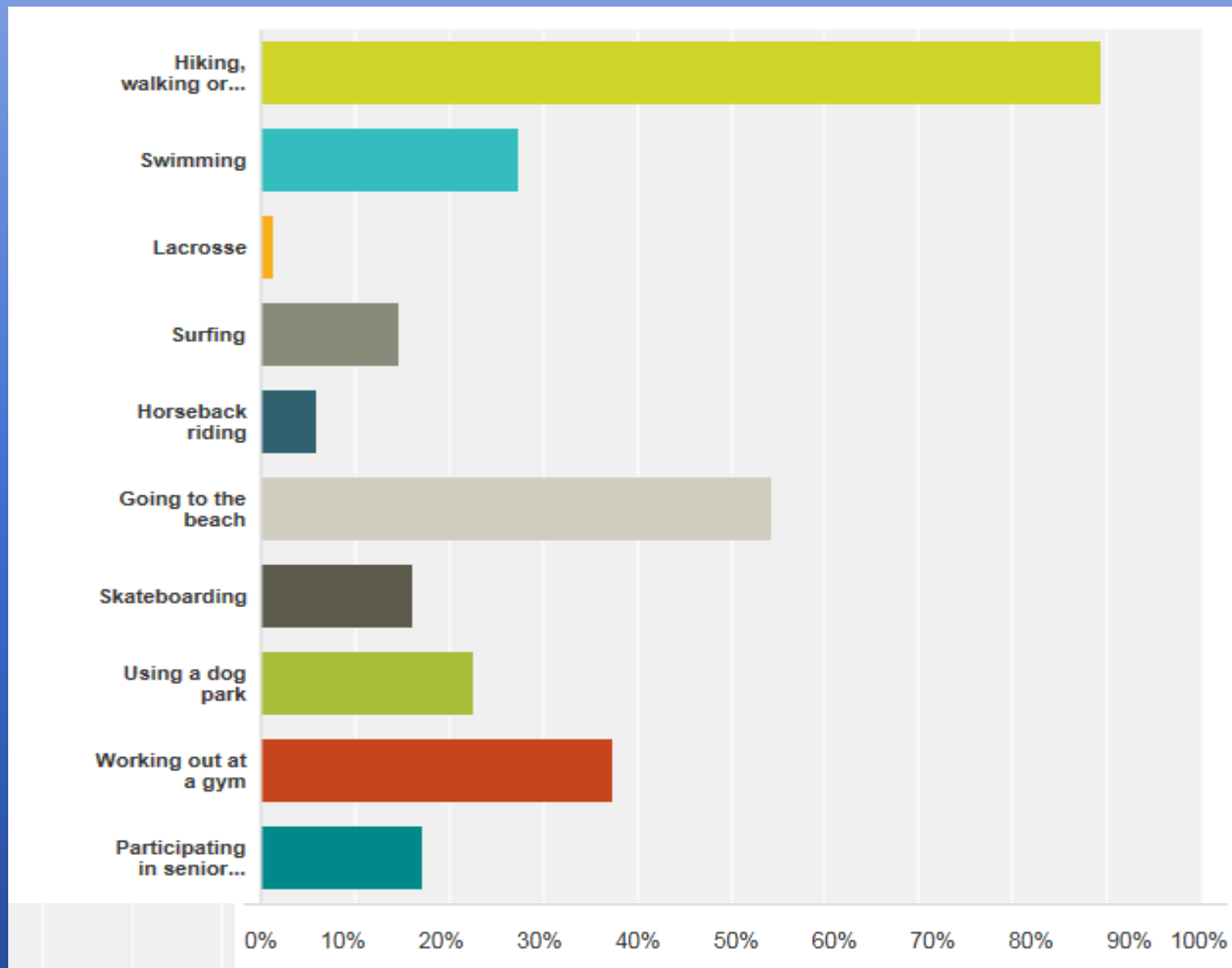
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Strategic Plan presented to City Council in 2005—not adopted.

# Coastal Vision Plan

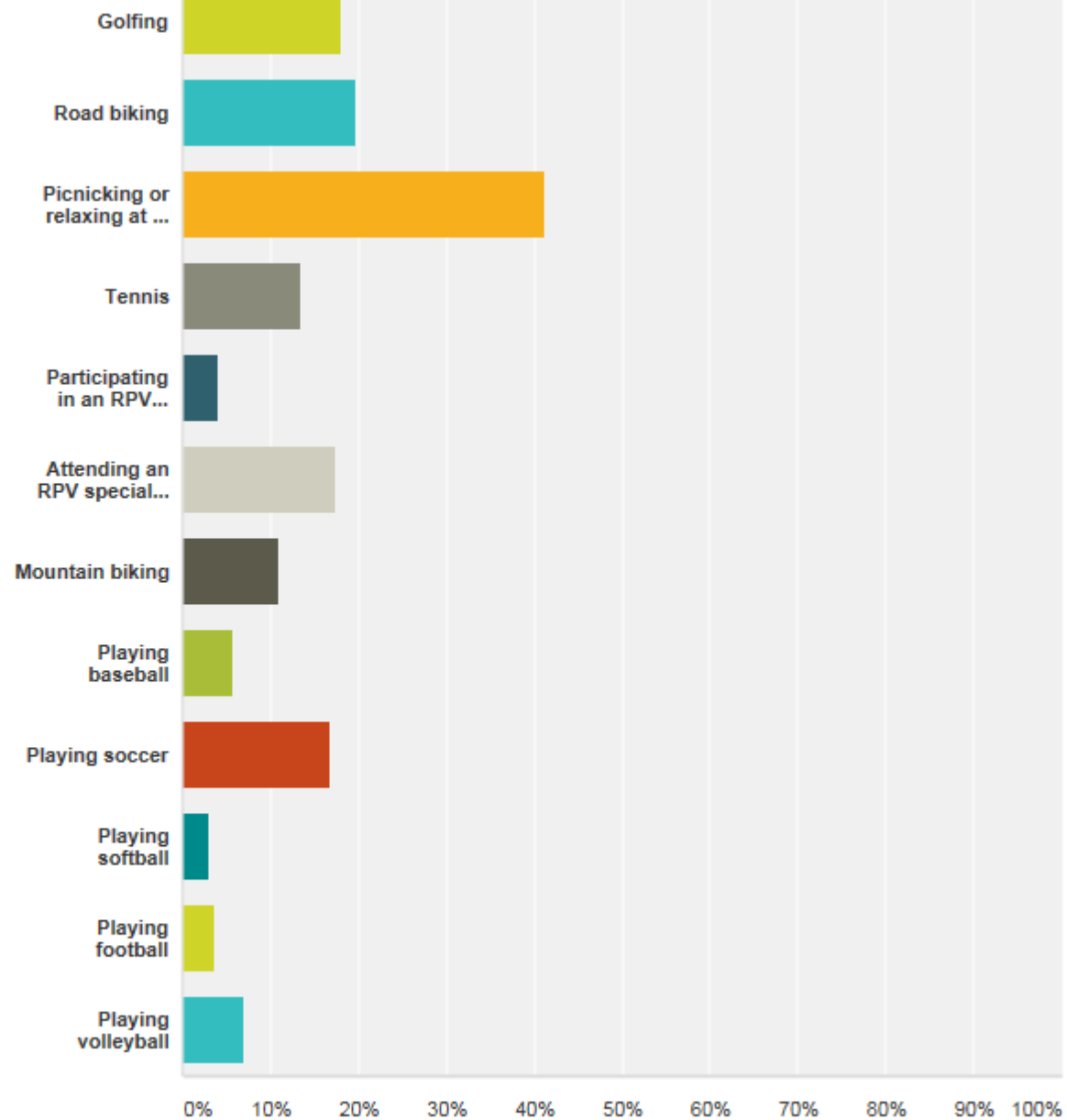
- The City Council adopted the Rancho Palos Verdes Coast Vision Plan in September 2008.
- Over two years of planning and an extensive public outreach effort
- Created an informational, planning document for the City's coast areas, including five key sites:
  - Upper Point Vicente
  - Lower Point Vicente
  - Abalone Cove
  - Gateway Park
  - Del Cerro



## Online Survey: Recreational Activities Participated in on monthly basis



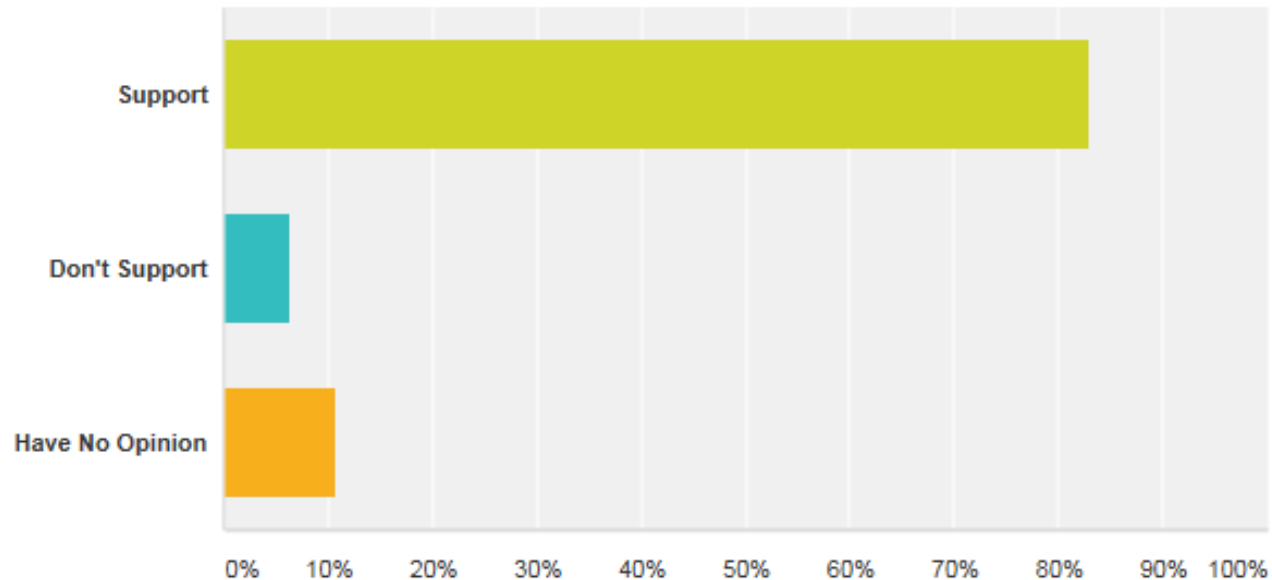
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# City-Wide Online Survey

## Preserving undeveloped land for wildlife and natural habitat

Answered: 428 Skipped: 22



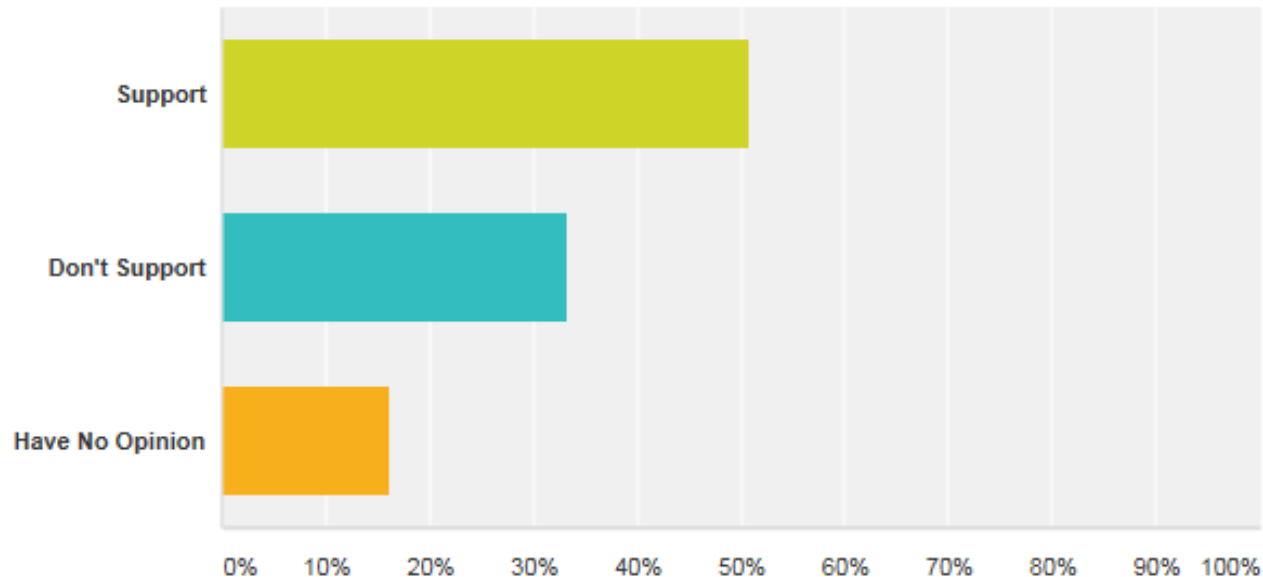
Answer Choices	Responses	
Support	82.94%	355
Don't Support	6.31%	27
Have No Opinion	10.75%	46
Total		428



# City-Wide Online Survey

## Building of physical recreation facilities such as a community center, gymnasium, pool or children's playground

Answered: 428 Skipped: 22

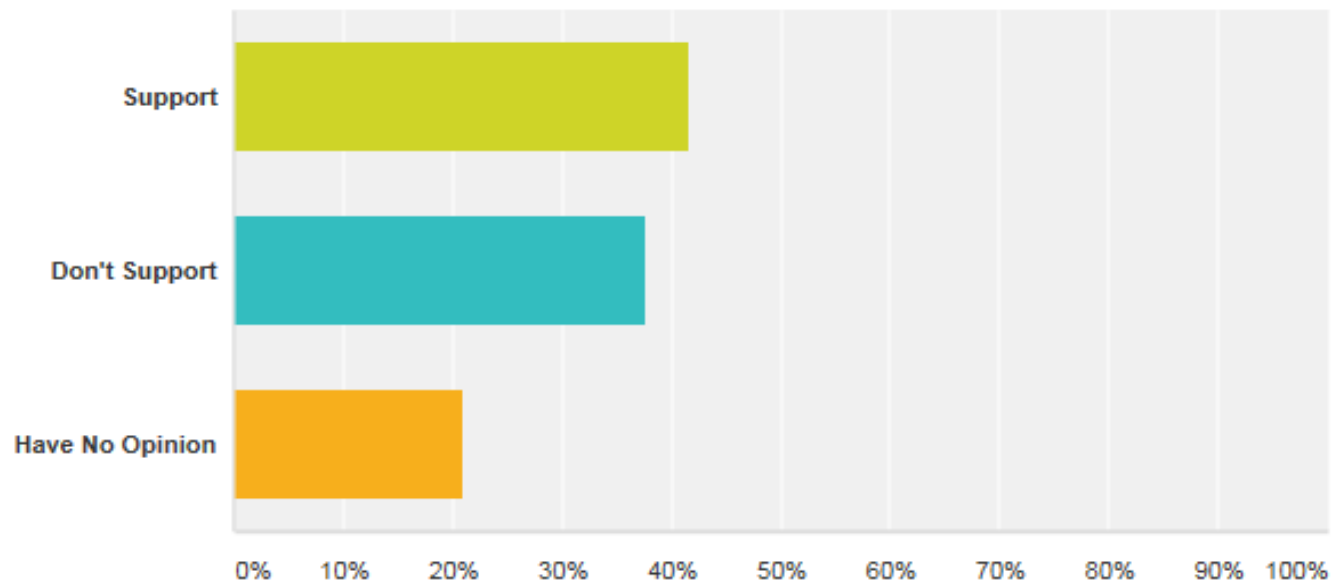


Answer Choices	Responses	
Support	50.70%	217
Don't Support	33.18%	142
Have No Opinion	16.12%	69
Total		428

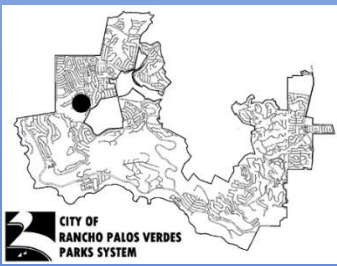
# City-Wide Online Survey

## Development of additional playing fields and outdoor recreation elements such as basketball or tennis courts

Answered: 428 Skipped: 22

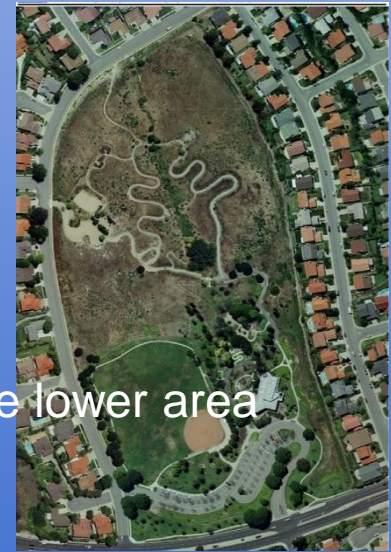


Answer Choices	Responses	
Support	41.59%	178
Don't Support	37.62%	161
Have No Opinion	20.79%	89
Total		428



## Site-Specific Workshop Sites

# Upper Hesse Park



Acquired 1976   Opened 1983   28 acre site   10 acre Upper   18 acre lower area

1989 Master Plan: No Recommendations

2004 Open Space Task Force: Consideration of improvements to ball field and a possible dual track around the park's existing  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile path for bikers, roller bladers, and skateboarders

Current Uses: Ball Field, Play Equipment, Community Center, Senior Activities, City Meetings, Walking Track, Special Events, Viewpoints



# Upper Hesse Park

Dec. 10 & Feb. 11 Public Workshops



Discussion of possible future uses and current CIP projects



Most positive about shade structures, fitness stations, viewpoints, drought-resistant landscaping, and enhanced amenities



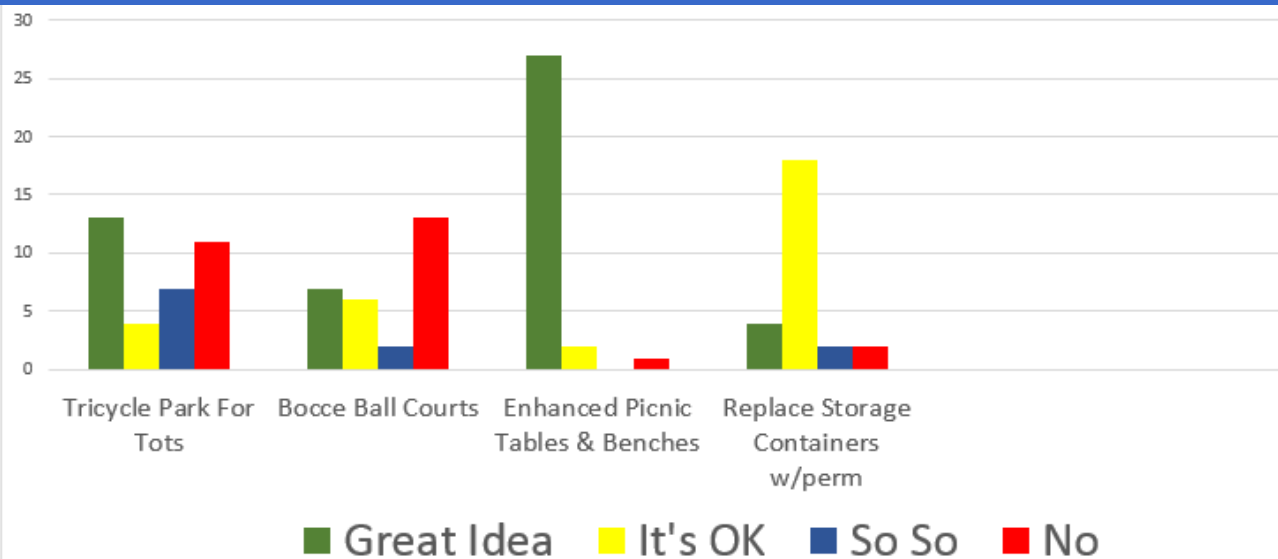
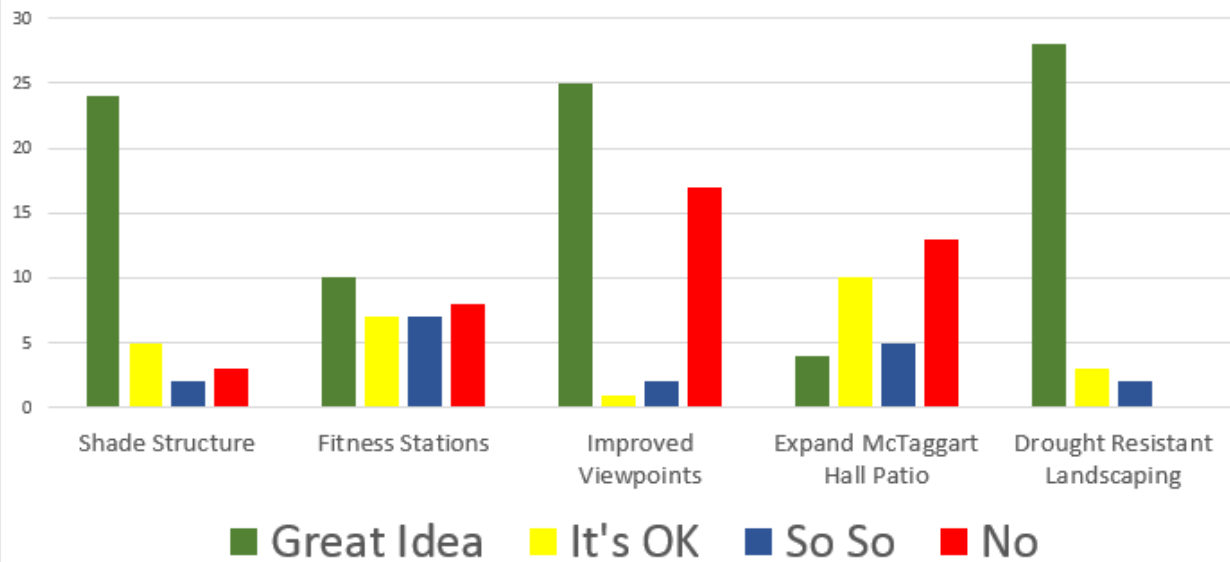
Concerns raised about financing, maintenance, traffic, views, and recreation activities for youth, teens and adults

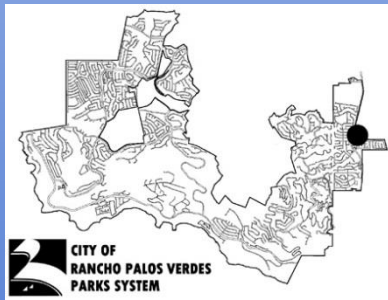


General consensus that no significant changes were need



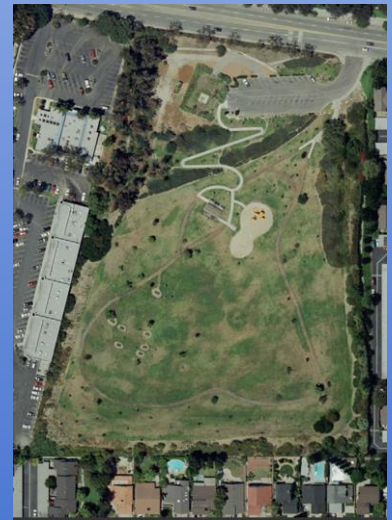
## Hesse Park Public Workshop Tape Dot Exercise Results





## Site-Specific Workshop Sites

# Eastview Park



Owned by Sanitation District Dedicated 1990 9.9 acre site

1989 Master Plan: Called for development of site

2004 Open Space Task Force: Consideration of possibility of athletic fields/recommended a facilitated design process

New playground installed in 2012

Current Uses: Picnic Facilities, Playground, Walking Path, Restrooms, Grass Area, Popular with Dog Lovers



# Eastview

November 5 & January 14 Public Workshops



Discussion focused on Proposal for Dog Park. Many reports of dogs off leash. Generally favorable at 12-10 meeting; very opposed at 2-11 workshop. Funds currently in 14-15 budget



Positive response to shade structures, fitness stations, park amenities, improved walking paths



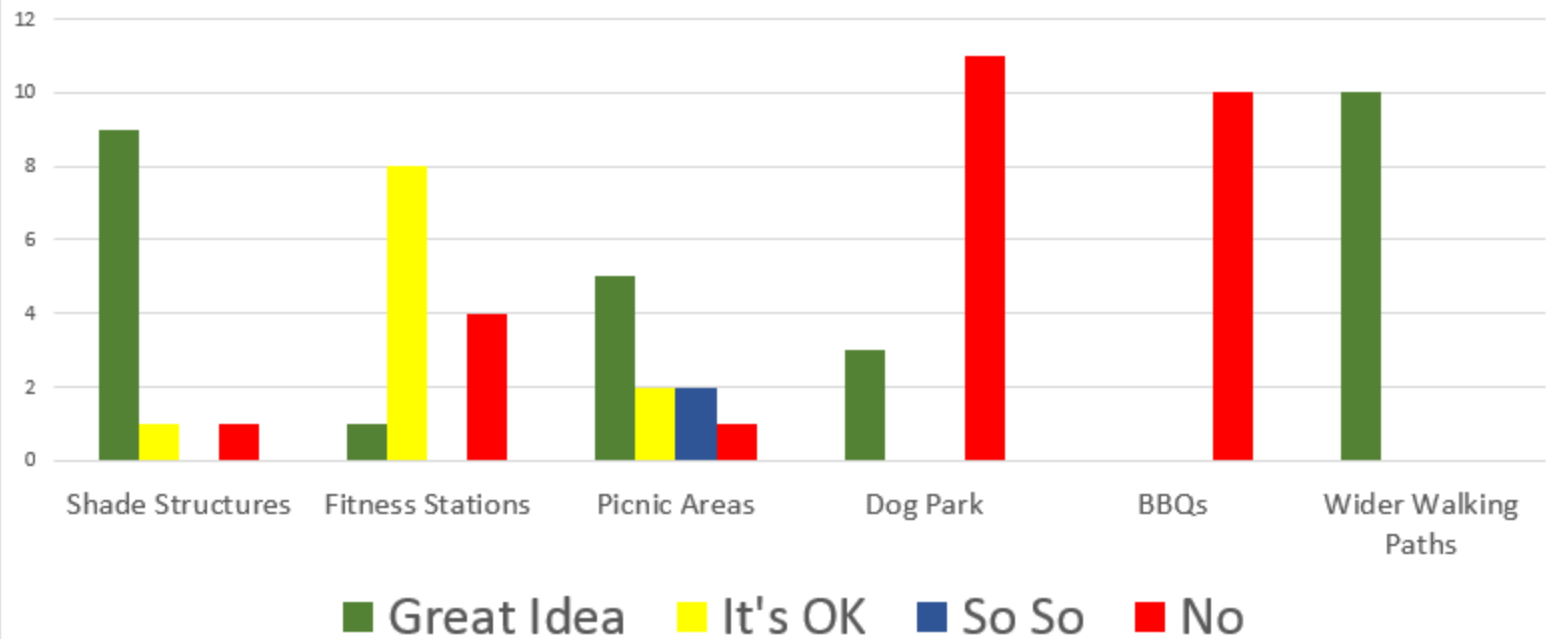
Negative response to BBQs and moon bounces

Concerns raised about maintenance, feral cats, graffiti, and vandalism

General desire to maintain low-key neighborhood feel



## Eastview Park Public Workshop Exercise Results



	Great Idea	It's OK	So So	No
Shade Structures	9	1	0	1
Fitness Stations	1	8	0	4
Picnic Areas	5	2	2	1
Dog Park	3	0	0	11
BBQs	0	0	0	10
Wider Walking Paths	10	0	0	0



# Site-Specific Workshop Sites

## Gateway Park



17 acre site    Adjacent to Portuguese Bend and Forrestal Nature Reserves

Purchased in 2005    Located in active landslide area

2008 Coast Vision Plan: Access point to Preserve with EQ center, parking, and educational components

Plan revised and simplified: Parking, Staff/Ranger portable office, Signage

City not required or obligate to provide parking

\$200,000 in budget

# Gateway Park

December 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> Public Workshops

Discussed proposed components

Strong reaction against Gateway Park

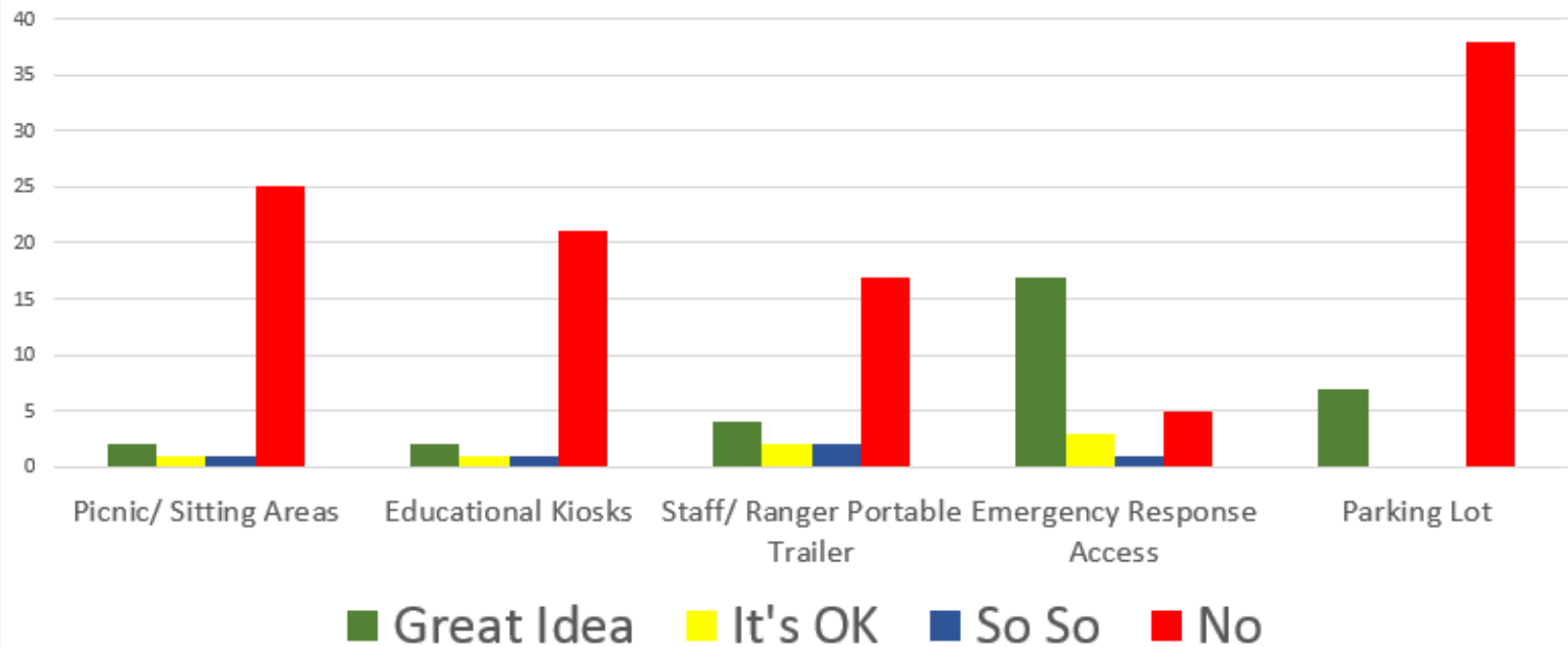
Concern for impact on Del Cerro neighborhood. Many Del Cerro residents spoke in favor. Majority of attendees spoke against project.

Concerns raised about

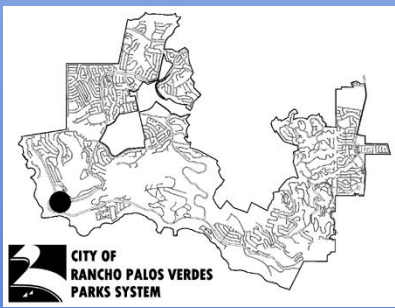
- safety
- access and traffic
- neighborhood impact
- social media
- effectiveness in relieving Del Cerro congestion
- availability of other parking lots
- enforcement



## Gateway Park Public Workshop Exercise Results



	Great Idea	It's OK	So So	No
Picnic/ Sitting Areas	2	1	1	25
Educational Kiosks	2	1	1	21
Staff/ Ranger Portable Trailer	4	2	2	17
Emergency Response Access	17	3	1	5
Parking Lot	7	0	0	38



Site-Specific Workshop Sites

# Point Vicente Park/ Civic Center



Former Army Base Acquired from Federal Govt. in 1979

73 acres total: 65 acres subject to POU 8 acres flat parcel owned in fee simple

1989 Master Plan: Senior citizen center, two paddle tennis courts, amphitheater, golf course, pedestrian paths

2004 Open Space Task Force: Gym, pool, village green, band shell, sports fields & courts, trailhead access, relocated maintenance yard

2008 Coast Vision Plan: Phased approach/fewer components: village green, new City Hall, community center, cultural center, trail head

Current Uses: City Hall, tennis, dog park, maintenance yard, EOC, picnic tables, special events, grass area, Peninsula Seniors, sand volleyball



# Point Vicente Park/Civic Center

November 19 & January 28 Public Workshops

Discussion of possible future uses.

Generally positive about skate plaza, pool, village green, amenities

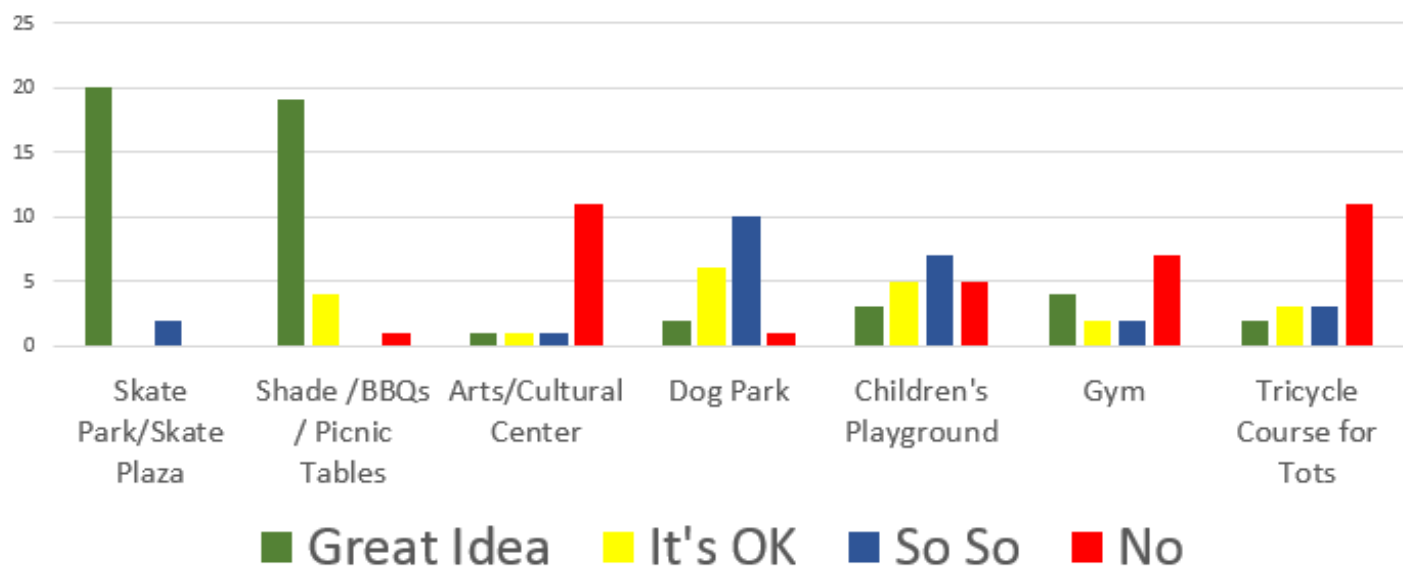
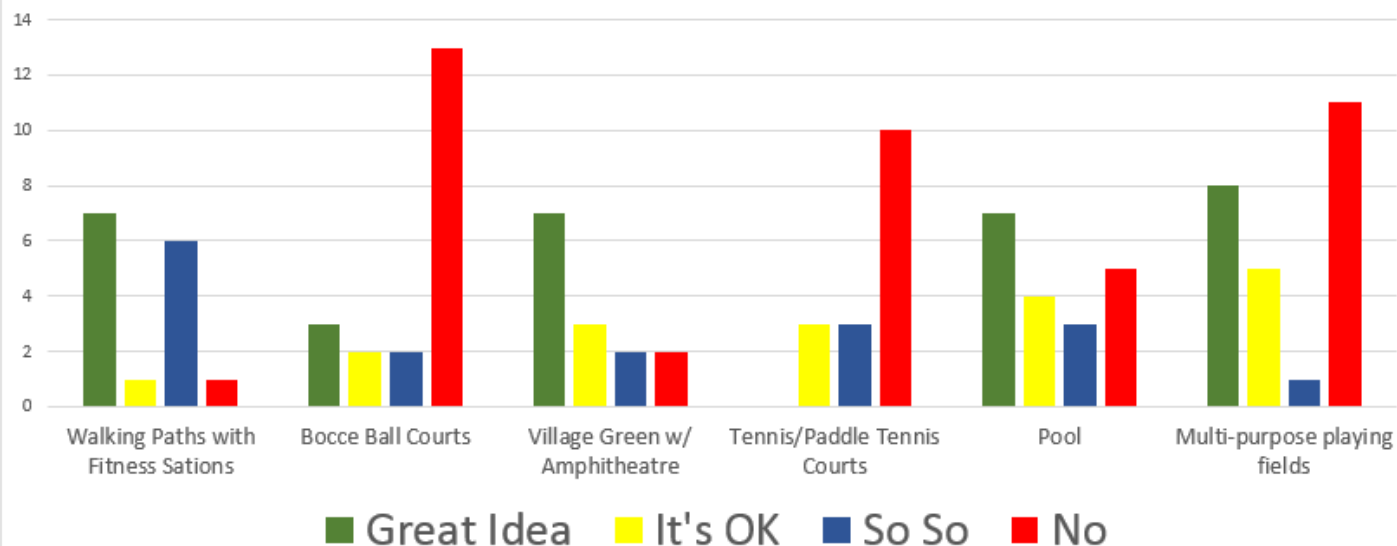
Modest support for playing fields

## Concerns

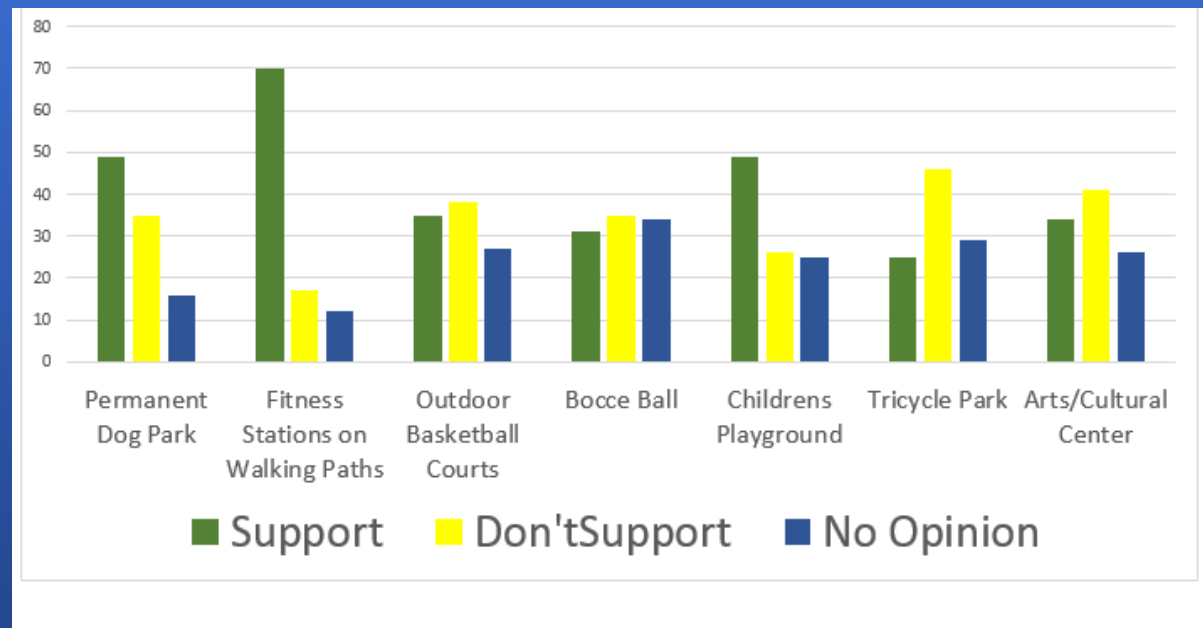
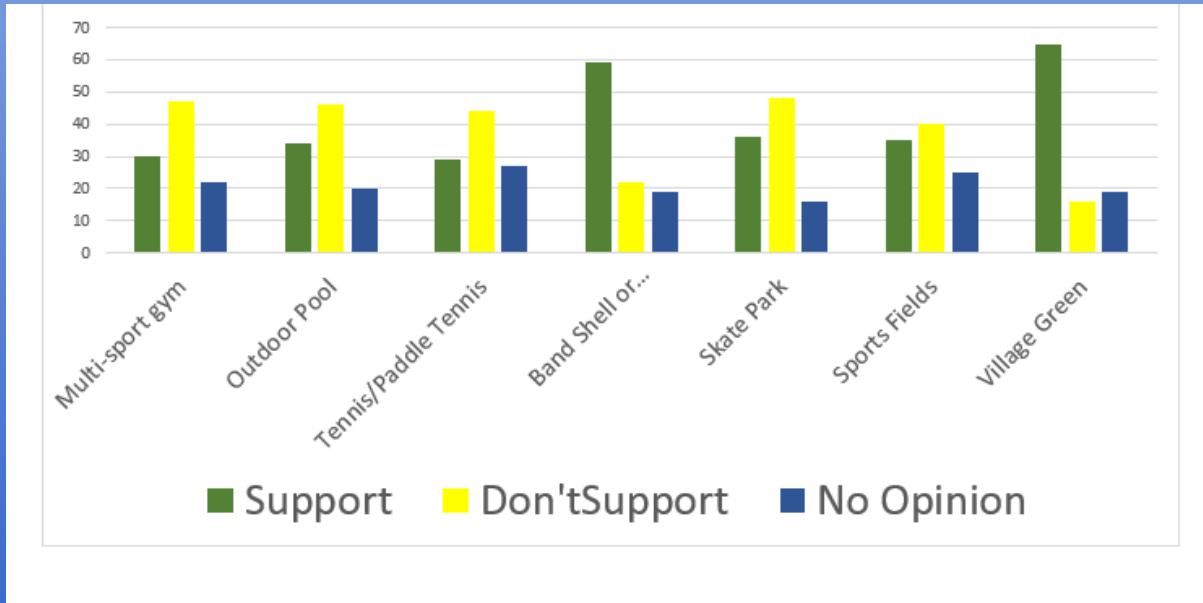
- skate plaza financing and security
- financing of projects
- potential overcrowding of site
- security, lighting
- Long-term maintenance of projects
- Liability

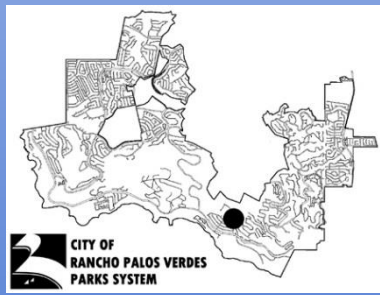


### Point Vicente Park/Civic Center Public Workshop Tape Dot Exercise Results



# Point Vicente Park/Civic Center Online Survey Results





## Site-Specific Workshop Sites

# Ladera Linda Park

Purchased from PVPUSD    11 acres    Dedicated in 1983

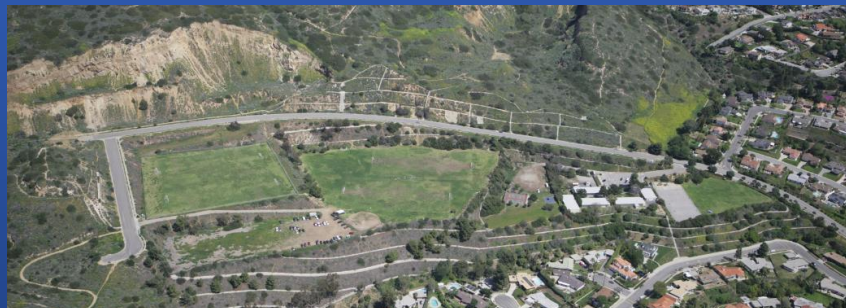
1989 Master Plan: Improve middle and upper parking lots. Regrade and repave access road between lower and middle roads

2004 Open Space Task Force: Either extensive remodeling or demolition

Funding for LL Community Center Master Plan in 14-15    Building over 30 years old

\$4m in 2018-19 CIP for LL Community Center Replacement, \$7.2m total

Current Uses: Adjacent to Forrestal Nature Reserve, views, paddle tennis, lower field, playgrounds, Discovery Room, Basketball, Picnic areas, Community Center







# Ladera Linda Park

November 12 & January 21 Public Workshops

Discussion of possible future uses.

Strong response to new community center, nature center, multi-use field, fitness station, Sheriff/Ranger drop-in office

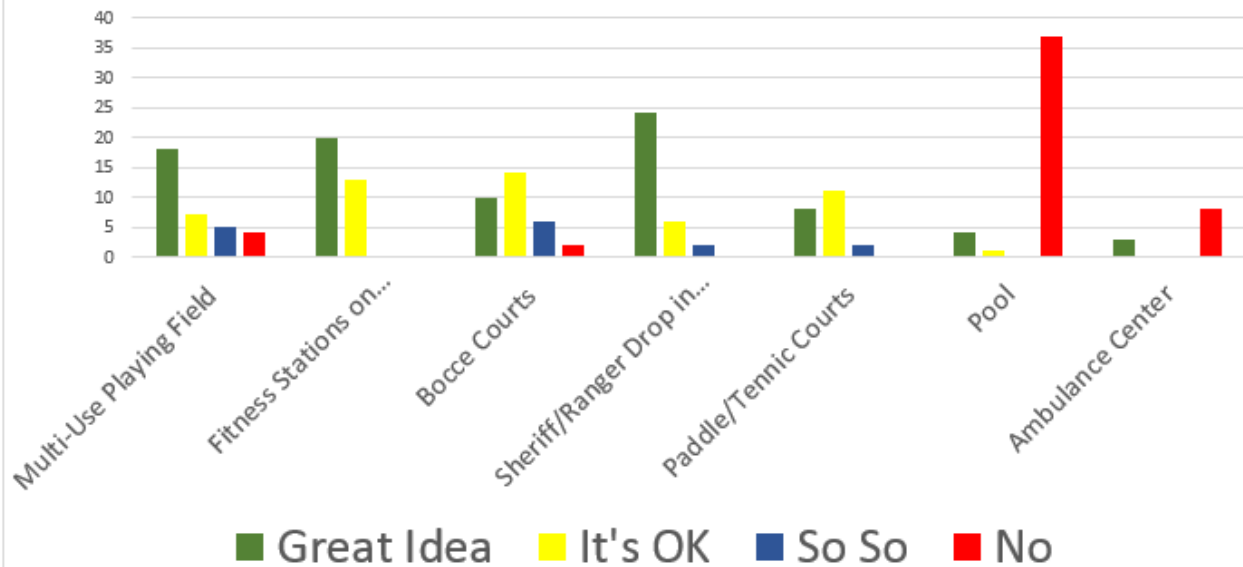
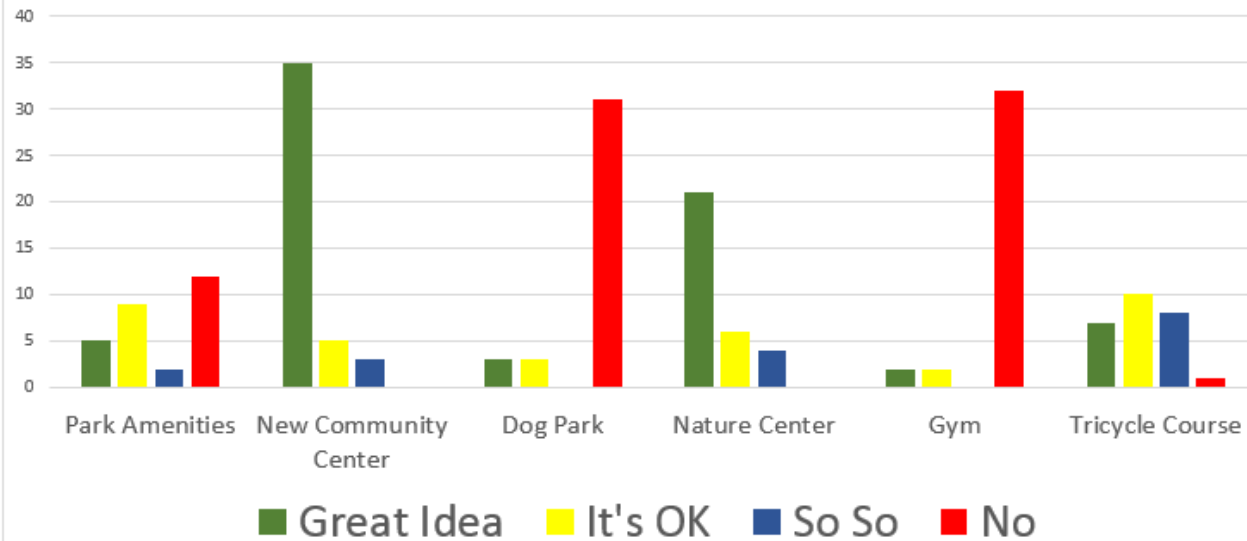
Strong opposition to pool, gym, dog park, BBQs

## Concerns

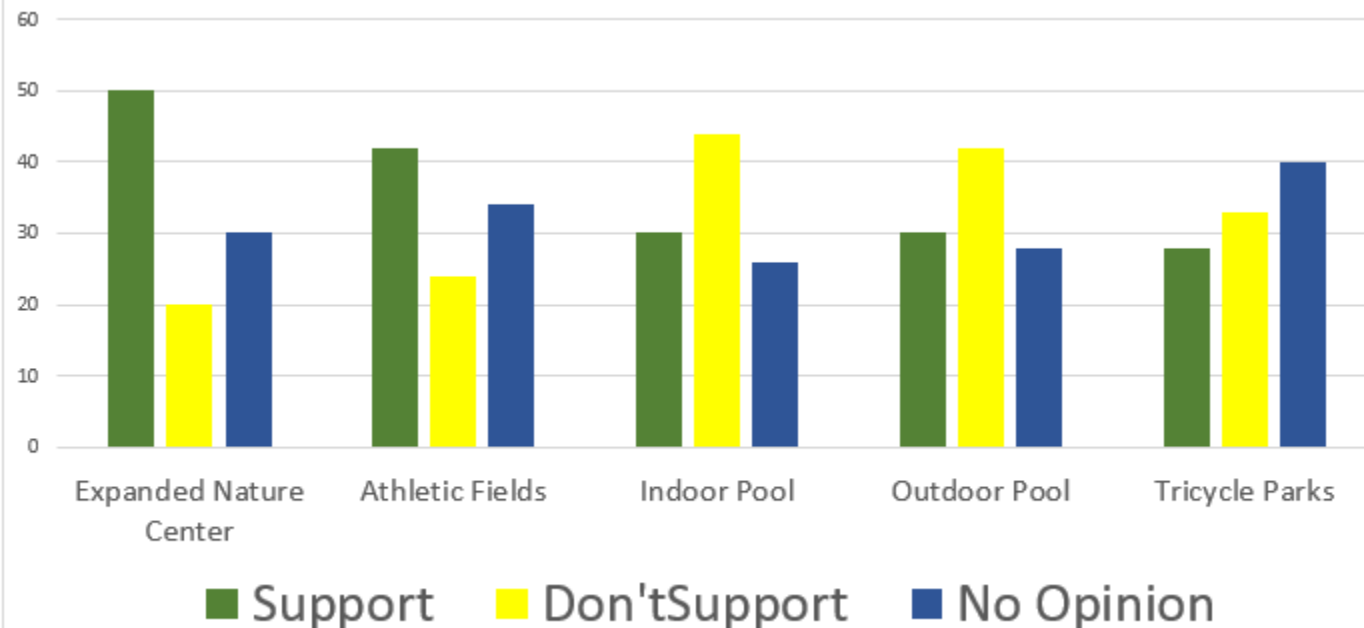
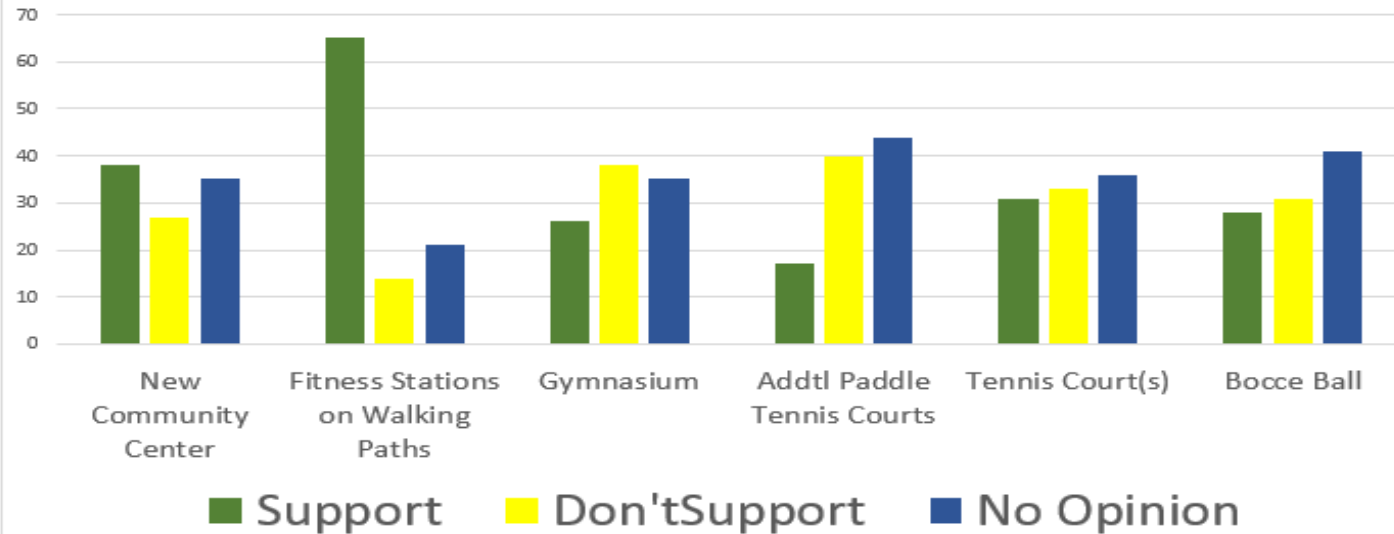
- Keep low-key neighborhood feel
- Pro Community Center
- Traffic, crime, litter, vandalism
- Use of fields/facilities by outside groups



### Ladera Linda Community Center Public Workshop Tape Dot Exercise Results



# Online Survey Results: Ladera Linda





# Possible Park Improvements From Site-Specific Workshops





# Possible Park Improvements From Site-Specific Workshops



# Park & Open Space Planning/Design Projects/Processes (ongoing & completed)

- Abalone Cove
- Lower Point Vicente Park
- Grandview
- Lower Hesse Park
- Palos Verdes Nature Preserve
- Trails Network Plan Update

# Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

- Two Beaches
  - Abalone Cove and Sacred Cove
- Tide Pools
- Abalone Cove Ecological Preserve
  - PVPLC
  - 70.8 acres of the 79.16 acre property
- Coastal Trail Connection
- 45 Acre Parcel- Archery Range
- Portuguese Bend Nursery School (Beach School)



# Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

- Shoreline Park and Parking Lot Improvements- 2014
  - Upgraded Restroom
  - Parking lot
  - Established Park Pathways
  - Viewing Areas
  - Interpretive signage
  - Benches/Picnic Tables
  - Gathering Space





# Lower Point Vicente Park

- Point Vicente Interpretive Center- Opened 1984
  - 28 acres
  - Expanded 2006
  - Los Serenos Docents
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Hard-Scaped Plazas
  - Whale Watchers
- Special Events
  - WOAD and Meet the Goats



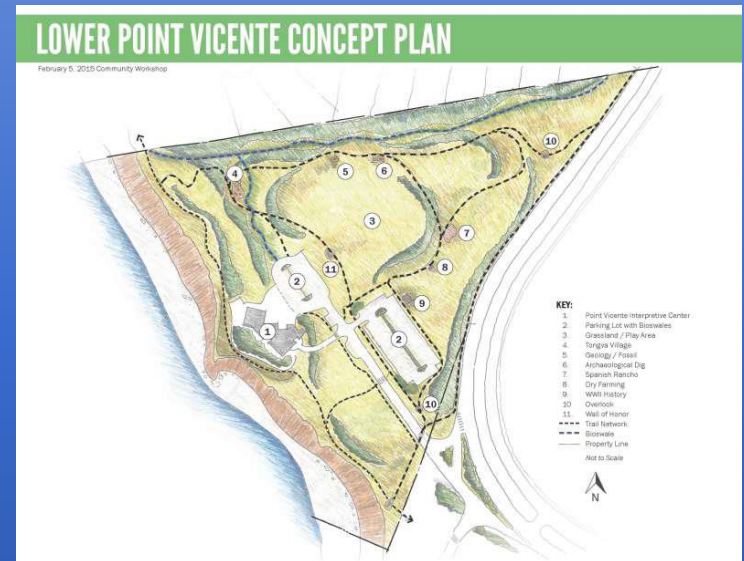
# Lower Point Vicente Park

- Point Vicente Interpretive Center
- Completion of Phase II Museum Exhibits
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant- \$400k
- Storyline Studio



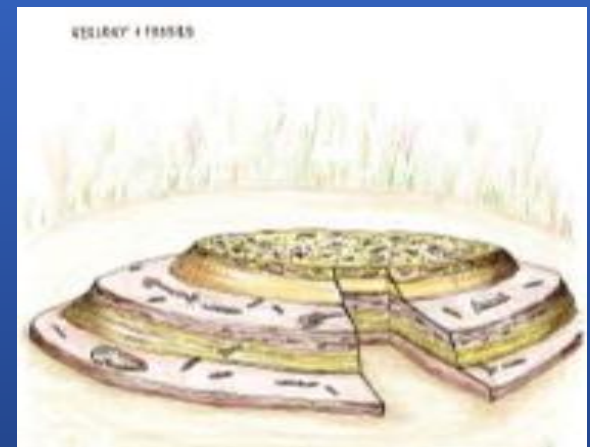
# Lower Point Vicente Park

- Vision Plan Currently Underway
- Focus Group
- Phase III Concept Plan
- First Public Meeting- February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Next Public Meeting- March 25<sup>th</sup>



# Lower Point Vicente Park

- Parking Lot/ Bioswale
- Grassland/ Play Area
- Tongva Village
- Geology/ Fossil Dig
- Dry Farming
- WWII History
- Overlook
- Wall of Honor





# Grandview Park

18-Acre Passive Park (currently undeveloped)

2010 City Council Goal to improve accessibility and recreation at Grandview

Conceptual Plan for Grandview Park approved by Council and includes:

- ✓Activity Lawn
- ✓Viewing Nodes
- ✓Fitness Stations
- ✓Restrooms/Staff Office
- ✓Playground
- ✓Picnic Area
- ✓Parking Lot
- ✓Discovery Play Area
- ✓Landscaping



Plan currently undergoing environmental review process. Environmental review documents will be available for public review.

Currently Unfunded

# Grandview Park

## GRANDVIEW PARK - Sycamore Plan

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# Lower Hesse Park History

- Currently improved with walking trails, a parking lot, and a volleyball court
- 1989 Parks Master Plan recommends 4-8 tennis courts, restrooms, improved parking, and landscaping
- 2005 The Open Space Planning and Recreation and Parks Task Force recommended that the City should decide whether it “should remain devoted to passive uses or be converted to a combination of passive or active uses.” Then the City should go through a facilitated design process
- Task Force’s recommendations were not adopted by Council



# Lower Hesse Park History

2010 City Council Tactical Goal of improving underdeveloped park lands, including Lower Hesse Park

2010 Conceptual design approved after public outreach and design process with landscape architect

2012 Due to changing CIP priorities, and neighborhood concerns with approved 2011 design, Council directed staff to work directly with Pacific View HOA to scale back and phase in improvements.



# Lower Hesse Park

## Current Status

- Staff and the Pacific View HOA, at Council's direction, are actively meeting and working together on a draft plan
- The public will have the chance to review and provide input on the revised design at a future Council meeting

# Palos Verdes Nature Preserve

- 1,450 Acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve
- Coastal Sage Scrub Habitat and Protected Species
- 33 Miles of Hiking, Equestrian, and Mountain Bike Trails
- City approved draft NCCP in 2004 (undergoing review by resource agencies)
- 2008-Preserve Trails Plan Adopted by Council
- 2013- Public Use Master Plan (PUMP) Adopted by Council
- Preserve is jointly managed by City and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
- Quarterly Public Forum Meetings held to solicit public feedback and report on Preserve activities and projects



# Trails Network Plan Update

- Process Facilitated by Community Development Department
- Will consolidate and update City trails planning documents:
  - ✓ Conceptual Bikeways Plan-updated 1996
  - ✓ Conceptual Trails Plan- updated 1993
  - ✓ Preserve Trails Plan
  - ✓ Ocean Front Estates Trails
  - ✓ Terranea Resort Trails
  - ✓ Trump National Trails
  - ✓ California Coastal Trail
- Proposed changes subject to public input and City Council approval
- Third Public Workshop: March 2015
- Please join project listserve
- Further Questions? Contact Project Manager Ara Mihranian

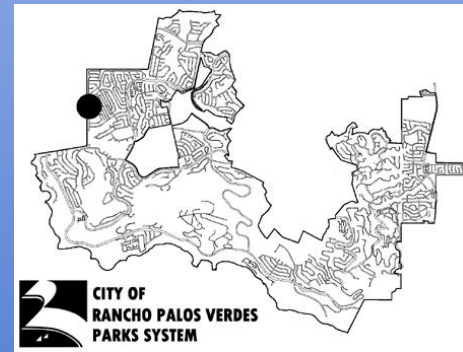
# Other Park Sites





# Clovercliff Park

28801 Golden Meadow Drive



.17 acre pocket park with short walking path, landscaping

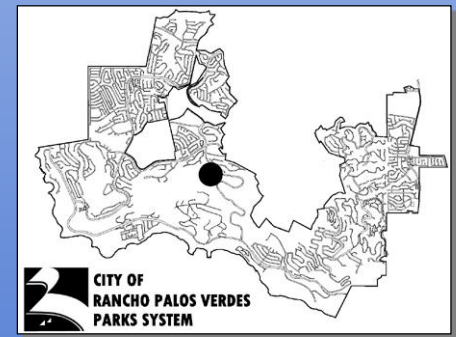
Dedicated in 1983

1989 Recommendations: None

- 2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations: None
- Vision Plan Recommendations: None



# Del Cerro Park



- 3.9 acre park site
- Panoramic views/flat grassy play area/parking lot/non-motorized airplane use by permit/Donation recognition plaque/adjacent to Palos Verdes Nature Preserve
- NPS and State Parks and Rec. Restrictions: Program of Utilization



# Del Cerro Park



## 1989 Recommendations:

- Add a permanent restroom facility
- Add a tot lot and play equipment
- Add a pedestrian trail connecting bluff top area with parking lot

## 2004 Open Space Planning and Recreation and Parks Task Force Recommendations

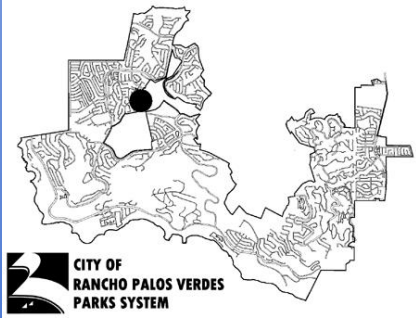
- Public Restrooms, picnic tables, tot lot
- Consider hang gliding and parasailing by permit

## Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations

- Establish as donor recognition site, augment and improve visitor facilities and provide ADA accessible path to overlook
- Improve signage relating to the Preserve and adjacent trails

Concerns: Proximity to Nature Preserve Entrance/Impact on Neighbors

# Don C. Wallace Radio Rancho Museum Park



.75 acre park site received as part of the development of the Wallace Ranch Tract

Property intended as radio museum site. Located on site of Mr. Wallace's former radio antenna farm.

Currently serves as neighborhood park maintained by Wallace Ranch Homeowners Association

1989 Recommendations: None

2004 Open Space Recommendations: Consider approaching HOA about possible interest in use of lawn for sports practice fields. Provide Park signage

Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations: None



# Founders Park



5 acre park site acquired in 2006 as part of Trump National Development. Site embedded with Trump National Golf Course

Picnic Tables, gazebo, coastal access, walking and biking trails and landscaping. Access to RPV Beach.

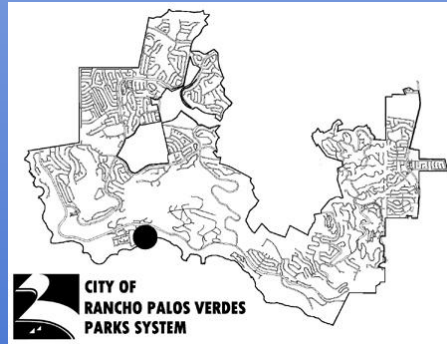
Portion of site can be reserved for weddings and other ceremonial events

1989 Recommendations: NA

2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations: NA

Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations: None

# Frank A. Vanderlip Sr. Park

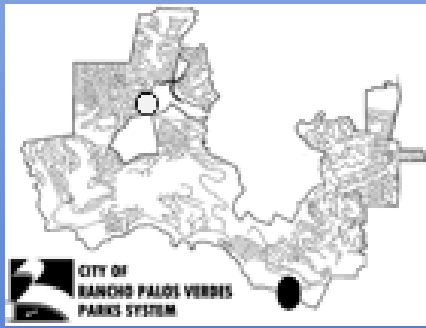


4.77 acre site Park site deeded to City in 1986 as part of development/Quimby Act

Panoramic ocean views/landscaped/benches park/bluff access/trail access

1989 Recommendations: Install safety railing at bluff edge (done)

2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations: Improve Quality of Landscaping



# Marilyn Ryan Sunset Point Park



Dedicated in 2008. Officially acquired in 2011. Located adjacent to PV Drive South at North end of Trump National Property.

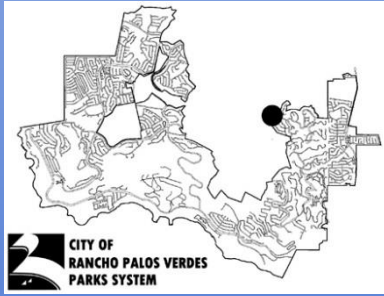
Picnic tables, benches, a water fountain, and dolphin statue  
Stone bridge named in honor of LAPD Swat Officer Randall Simmons who was killed in the line of duty.

The park is named for a former Mayor of Rancho Palos Verdes.

1989 Master Plan Recommendations: None

2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations n/a

Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations: None



# Martingale Trailhead Park



Approximately 1 acre in size. Located at 22 Martingale Drive Rancho Palos Verdes. Acquired in 1978 Dedicated in 1990

Provides access to trails system serving RPV, Rolling Hills and RHE  
Utilized by hikers and equestrians

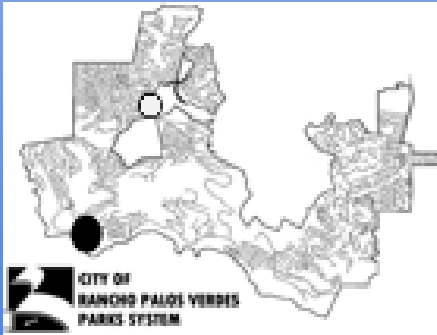
Improvements include landscaping, tri-level drinking fountain

1989 Master Plan Recommendations: None

2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations None

Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations: None





# Pelican Cove



10.5 acre site formerly known as Point Vicente Fishing Access. Acquired from LA County in 2004

Paved parking lot, restroom, improved trail to shoreline Tremendous Ocean and Catalina Views

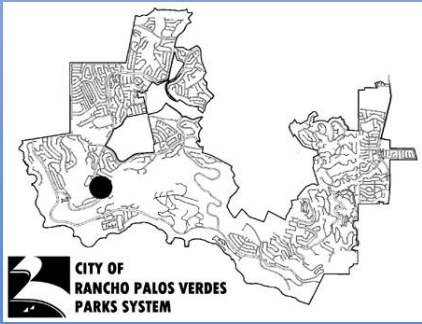
Native plantings surround parking lot and link to Terranea and coastal trail

Park Maintained by Terranea Resort/Native Planting area and bluff area maintained by PVPLC and

1989 Recommendations: Install safety railing at bluff edge (done)

2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations: Improve Quality of Landscaping

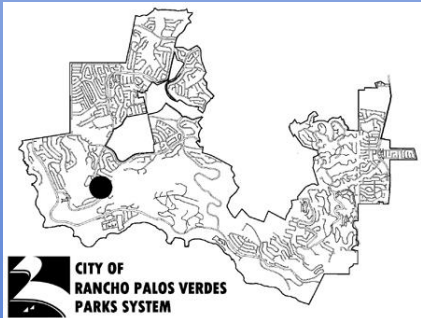
Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations: None



# Robert E. Ryan Park



- 11 acres
- Original City Park
- Constructed in 1968
- Amenities: Tot Lot, Baseball Diamond, Large Grass Area, Numerous Trees, Basketball Court, Picnic Facilities, Small Community Building
- Ocean Views



# Robert E. Ryan Park



## 1989 Recommendations:

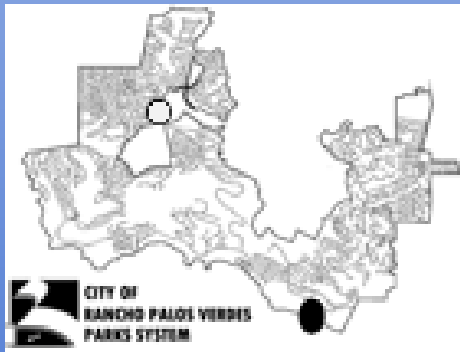
- None

## 2004 Open Space Planning and Recreation and Parks Task Force Recommendations

- Additional Parking and Water Fountains
- Consider Adding Athletic Fields

## Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations: None

Improvements: Ball Field Improvements (2009), Parking Lot Project Completed 2014



# RPV Beach



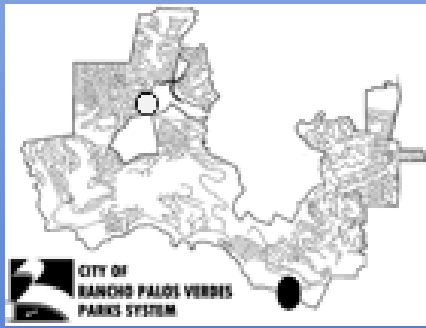
Formerly known as Trump Beach: Access path and beach located on ocean side of Trump National Golf Course

Acquired by City in 2011 as part of Trump development

Long used as informal dog beach before City acquisition. Dogs currently not allowed.

1989 Master Plan Recommendations: None

2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations: None



# Vista Catalina Park



Located adjacent to PV Drive South at North end of Trump National property across entrance driveway from Marilyn Ryan Sunset Point Park.

Pocket park with magnificent views of the Ocean the Palos Verdes hills

1989 Master Plan Recommendations: None

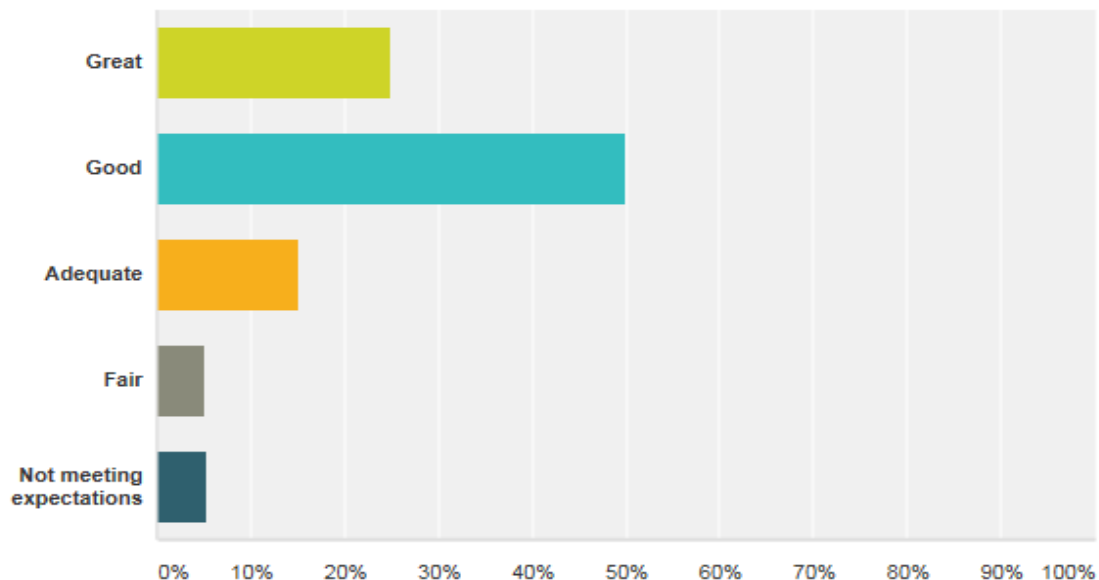
2004 Open Space Task Force Recommendations n/a

Coastal Vision Plan Recommendations: None



**Overall, how would you rate the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department in its ability to provide physical parks and facilities to the public? Check the appropriate circle.**

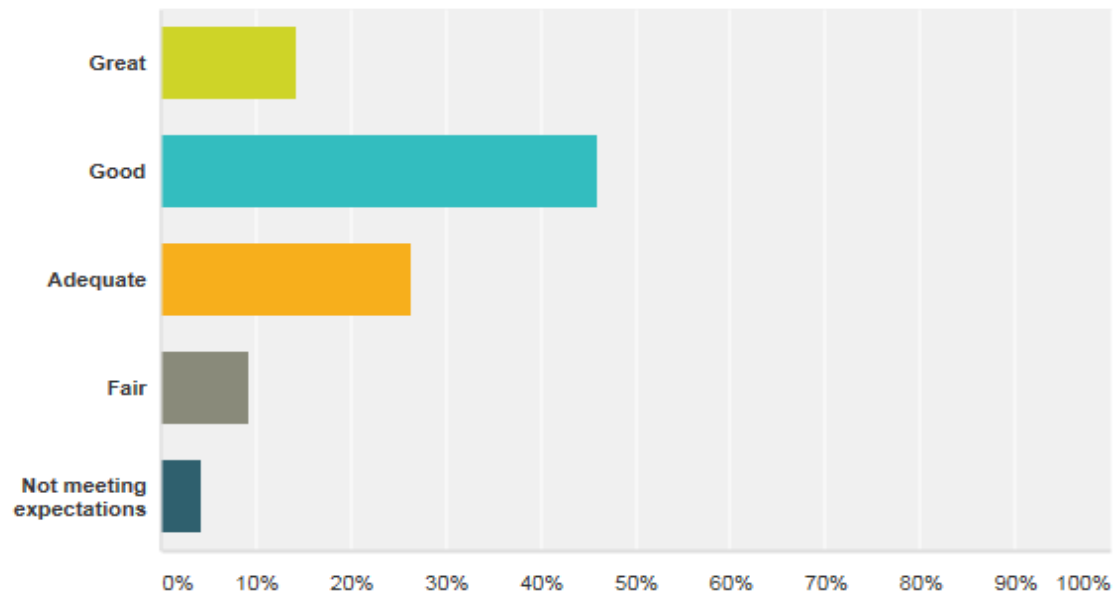
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Great	24.77%	110
Good	50.00%	222
Adequate	15.09%	67
Fair	4.95%	22
Not meeting expectations	5.18%	23
Total		444

**Overall, how would you rate the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation and Parks Department in its ability to provide recreation programs, activities and events to the public? Check the appropriate circle.**

Answered: 444 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses	
Great	14.19%	63
Good	45.95%	204
Adequate	26.35%	117
Fair	9.23%	41
Not meeting expectations	4.28%	19
Total		444



**Thanks for attending tonight's  
presentation**

**Feedback from this meeting and all of  
the public workshops will be included  
in staff's report to Council**

**Be sure to fill out a comment card  
before leaving**